

Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

Mar 15	BRAVO Preview Walking Field Trip
Mar 18	Rollerskating Field Trip
Mar 18	2nd Trimester Report Cards Go Home
Mar 24	Brooks 6th Grade Informational Field Trip
Mar 25	Student-Staff Basketball Game
Mar 28 - Apr1	Spring Break

Dear Families,

Congratulations to the members of our winning Reading Olympics team, Gracie Farnham, Maggie Ferren and Emma V. We were so pleased to see many more groups participate in this round. All teams should be proud that they participated.

As the end of the year approaches, so do many of the exciting activities that our students have the opportunity to participate in as 5th graders at Holmes School. One of these activities is the Student-Staff Basketball game which is scheduled for March 25th. As we discussed with all students last week, students who are missing work in any of the four classes by March 21st will not be allowed to participate in the game. Students who are missing work in any of the four classes by March 24th will not be allowed to watch the game, and will be working on their incomplete work during that time.

SPECIALS

Physical Education

We will be having our **7th Annual Holmes Parents Vs. Holmes Staff fundraiser basketball game**. The game will take place on **March 19, 2011** at Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School. It will start at 7pm. Admissions is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children and \$10 for a family of 3 or more.

Spanish

Students have started their new story, ***Carlos y los Tres Monstruos***. Students can read the story for 15 extra points. It is posted on the blog: <http://mpoleski.blogspot.com/p/quintofifth.html>

Art

Art Shows!!! The artwork is on display through the end of the month.

The second art show is happening at the Oak Park Public Library and is on display now. Holmes artists from 5P, 4R, 3A and KB have artwork on display until the end of the month.



Reading/Literature

This week we begin our second novel study. 5P and 5Y will read *Under the Blood Red Sun* and 5K and 5M will read *The Breadwinner*. We will be using a literature circle format, so students will have a certain number of chapters to read as well as a role sheet to complete each week. The role sheets and group schedules are on the reading wiki on the "Literature Circles" page. Students will have a group discussion on Thursday and take a comprehension and vocabulary assessment.

Math

This week we continue to work on fraction multiplication. We will learn two ways to multiply mixed numbers, either using the partial products method or by converting the mixed number to an improper fraction. 5M will have a unit test on fraction multiplication this Friday. We will review in class on Thursday. The other three classes will miss two math classes this week due to field trips. 5K, 5P and 5Y will have their unit test next Tuesday and will review in class next Monday.

Science

The students did a wonderful job on their research papers! Graded papers will be returned on Friday. For students who have not yet turned in their papers, they need to be in by Wednesday or they will not be accepted. This week, we will continue to investigate the nervous system and begin to discuss the circulatory system. There will be a quiz on both systems next Thursday.

Social Studies

Last week, students welcomed our new friends from Japan. We presented each student with a personalized, handmade bracelet. The students from Japan treated our students to a skit, paper folding, an anime quiz, and a beautiful gift for our school. We never could have imagined that only two days later, the earthquake and tsunami would strike their country. Fortunately, Nagano is not a coastal region, but the high school back home is feeling the quakes and aftershocks. We will discuss ways students can help in the coming weeks of relief. This week we will also assign Civil War project topics as we learn about the anti-slavery movement, the underground railroad, and the start of the war.

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